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• Non-partisan elections encourage independents to run for office.

• Nonpartisan elections can reduce costs and compress the election season because they do not require a primary election.

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